4-H MANUAL RULE CHANGE:

In compliance with updated Indiana 4-H Policies and Procedures, Wells County 4-H will no longer be requiring 4-Her’s to complete record sheets in order to exhibit at the Wells County Fair. 4-Her’s can choose to continue completing these record sheets, and we encourage them to do so, as completing them may provide additional information helpful to completing your project.

Keep in mind, this does not include parts of the project which are included in the 4-Her’s exhibit, such as the Foods project recipe card or the Woodworking skills sheet. 4-Her’s should still plan to bring these items with them to project check-in. Junior Leader Record Books will still be required to turn in at the designated deadline.

Books and record sheets will still be available in the Wells County Extension Office, and all 4-Her’s are welcome to get them!

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 2024!!!

For more information, visit our website (extension.purdue.edu/wells) or call the Extension Office at 260-824-6412.

Visit v2.4honline.com to enroll!

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### Calendar of Events

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CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED:

Northeast Indiana 4-H Camp Counselor applications are now open! We are looking for a few energetic, and fun–loving students from grades 9–12 to help out at this year’s upcoming 4-H Camp!!

Requirements:
- Must be in grades 9–12 (as of Jan. 1, 2024)
- Attend all Mandatory Counselor Trainings at Whitely County Fairgrounds (Tues, 3/12 @ 5:30–8pm; Fri, 4/12 @ 5:30–8pm; Thurs, 5/9 @ 5:30–8pm)
- Report to Camp on Tues, June 4th at 2:00pm; Stay until ALL campers have checked out on Friday, June 7th.

If you are interested in applying, you can pick up an application in the Wells County Extension Office, or you can find it online at www.extension.purdue.edu/wells.

CAMP

Applications are due to the Extension Office by February 1st, 2024.

INDIANA 4-H DAY AT THE STATEHOUSE:

Youth in grades 7–12th are invited to visit the Indiana Statehouse with their Educators! We will be touring the building, meeting with our representatives, participating as pages, and watching a live session. Interested 4-Hers should contact Anya ASAP at aaulbach@purdue.edu.

Space is limited!
## Biology is a Hoot

Take flight as we explore the biology behind owls. Join us for a night of owl investigation as we discover what makes owls so unique and physically investigate what owls have eaten.

- **Location:** Wells County 4-H Park - Meeting Rooms
- **Date & Time:** January 24, 2024 6-8 p.m.
- **Best suited for youth in Grades 3 & up**
- **Cost:** $10
- **Registration closes:** January 17
- **Register:**

### Wednesday, January 24, 2024
6:00-8:00 PM
Meeting Rooms

**Registration:**

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## Canvas Painting

Under the sea we go to paint with the elements of Art! Join us for a fun Valentine’s Day night of painting. Open to youth in grades 3–12, parents are welcome to assist!

- **Location:** Wells County 4-H Park - Meeting Rooms
- **Date & Time:** February 14, 2024 6-8 p.m.
- **Best suited for youth in Grades 3 & up**
- **Cost:** $15
- **Registration closes:** February 7
- **Register at:**

**Registration:**
**JUNIOR LEADERS:**

**ROBOTICS CLUB MEETINGS:**

Save the dates for upcoming meetings in 2024! Meetings will take place in the Meeting Rooms.

- **January 8, 2024** at 6:00 PM
- **February 12, 2024** at 6:00 PM
- **Thursday, February 8th** at 6:00 PM
- **Thursday, February 22nd** at 6:00 PM
- **Thursday, March 14th** at 6:00 PM
- **Thursday, March 28th** at 6:00 PM
- **Thursday, April 11th** at 6:00 PM
- **Thursday, April 25th** at 6:00 PM

**QLC TRAINING DATES:**

Quality Livestock Care Training is required for all youth planning to exhibit cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine at the 2024 4-H Fair. Below are all the current scheduled dates and times for QLC Trainings in Wells County. Classes will be held in the Expo Hall at the Wells County 4-H Park. There is a $3.00 fee per person that is to be paid in cash day of event. You can register online through your 4-H Online account.

- **Wednesday, February 7, 2024** at 6:00 PM
- **Wednesday, March 20, 2024** at 6:00 PM
- **Monday, March 25, 2024** at 10:00 AM
- **Monday, March 25, 2024** at 1:00 PM
- **Wednesday, April 17, 2024** at 6:00 PM
- **Wednesday, May 29, 2024** at 10:00 AM
- **Wednesday, May 29, 2024** at 1:00 PM
- **Wednesday, May 29, 2024** at 6:00 PM
**SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS:**
A series of scholarships are awarded annually to seniors participating in 4-H. Applications are due on January 25th, 2024, and can be completed through your 4-H Online account. Scan the QR Code below on instructions on how to apply! Any senior in 4-H is eligible for at least one, if not multiple, scholarships!! Take advantage of this great opportunity to assist in furthering your education.

With questions, contact the Extension Office at (260) 824-6412 or email Anya at aaulbach@purdue.edu

**BB & RIFLE SCHEDULE:**
Below are the dates and times for all BB & Rifle Meetings in 2024. More information will be sent out via mail mid-January to those enrolled.

*All meetings will take place at the Wells County 4-H Park Community Center Building.*

- Tuesday, January 30th at 6:30PM
- Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30PM
- Tuesday, February 13th at 6:30PM
- Tuesday, February 20th at 6:30PM
- Tuesday, February 27th at 6:30PM
- Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30PM
- Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30PM
- Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30PM
- Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30PM
- Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:30PM
- Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30PM

**FEEDING TOMORROW’S FUTURE TODAY – BACKPACK PROGRAM:**
With the help of our community, we are excited and grateful to announce that ALL food bags have been sponsored for the 2023–2024 schoolyear!! This achievement is a testament to the unwavering commitment of our community to ensure that no child goes hungry. We extend our deepest gratitude to each and every individual, business, and organization that contributed to this remarkable achievement.

Donations are still being accepted and will help kickstart the program for the 2024–2025 schoolyear. We cannot thank you all enough for your generosity!
UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**Association:**
Monday, January 15, 2024
at 7:00PM
Meeting Rooms

**Club Leaders:**
Monday, February 12, 2024
at 7:00PM
Meeting Rooms

**Council:**
Waiting for Date Confirmation.
We will send out a postcard with date & time.

OPEN ASSOCIATION & COUNCIL SEATS:

**Association:**

*Township seats are 2 year terms. Terms alternate in each township.*

- **Chester Township:** 3 Open Seats
  (1– 2024–2025 Term; 2– 2023–2024 Terms)
- **Harrison Township:** 1 Open Seat
  (2023–2024 Term)
- **Jackson Township:** 2 Open Seats
  (2– 2023–2024 Terms)
- **Jefferson Township:** 1 Open Seat
  (2023–2024 Term)
- **Liberty Township:** 1 Open Seat
  (2023–2024 Term)
- **Rockcreek Township:** 4 Open Seats
  (2– 2024–2025 Terms; 2– 2023–2024 Terms)
- **Union Township:** 3 Open Seats
  (2– 2024–2025 Terms; 1– 2023–2024 Term)

**Council:**

*Township seats are 3 year terms. Townships rotate terms.*

- **Chester Township:** 1 Open Seat
  (Term ends in 2024)
- **Rockcreek Township:** 1 Open Seat
  (Term ends in 2026)
- **Union Township:** 1 Open Seat
  (Terms ends in 2026)

Contact Anya at aaulbach@purdue.edu
for more information.

VOLUNTEER ENROLLMENT:

Volunteers must have their enrollment and volunteer trainings completed by January 15th, 2024. Complete the enrollment online at v2.4honline.com

ENROLL
WHERE TO FIND 4-H INFORMATION

Not sure where to get your 4-H questions answered? Here is a list of the best places to turn to when you have questions:

- Wells County 4-H Rule Book. You can purchase a paper copy of the rule book at the Extension Office, or you can find the rule book online at www.extension.purdue.edu/wells
- Your 4-H Club Leader (see front of 4-H Rule Book for contact information)
- The Wells County Extension Office / 4-H Youth Educator: 260-824-6412
- Find us on Facebook!

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Happy New Year

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